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'The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated.'

Mahatma Gandhi.

Come along to our next Poetry Please on Friday 4th April at 10.30am when our theme will be 'Animals'.

Everyone welcome!



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A REMINDER

Please give Sandra Smith Easter eggs (for adults and children) to pass on to the women and children currently staying at the Aylesbury Women's Refuge by **Sunday, April 13th** at the latest. There is also a need for single bedding, pillows and duvets at the moment and all donations will be gratefully received.



Congratulations



to John and Elizabeth Shaw who celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 5th April.

Wendover Free Church April 2025

NEWSLETTER NO. 235

THE MEANING OF EASTER

Easter is one of those important times of our calendar year. This is true for us as church, but also for us as individuals. Easter reminds us of God's amazing love for us all, because at Easter we remember and celebrate the fact that Jesus, who gave his life for us all, was raised to life again.

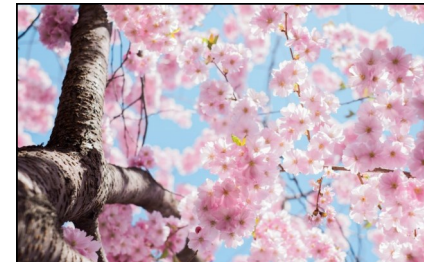
This resurrection promise of hope and new life is for everyone. Isn't it beautiful that we celebrate and

remember this in spring when there are so many signs of new life and hope around us? Spring and the appreciation of creation also reminds us that Easter isn't just about our own personal salvation. In fact, the Easter story gives hope to the whole world and all of creation.

And, the Easter story reminds us

that God has given us a role as caretakers and stewards of the earth. Jesus' death and resurrection changed the universe forever bringing good news for the whole of creation.

Easter celebrates the fact that God never gave up on his people or his creation. Easter prompts us to remember that love is stronger than death and hope is stronger than despair.



PRAYER: Loving God, we thank you for Easter and the hope that it brings to us and to all of creation. Please help us to remember your love for us all. Enable us to look after your beautiful creation with you. In the name of Jesus, the redeemer of the whole earth, we pray, Amen

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What's on in April?

(In the Christian Centre unless otherwise stated)

Thurs 3rd 2.30-4.30pm **Flower Arranging Group**

Friday 4th: 10.30am **Poetry Please**

Weds 9th & 23rd 10am-12 noon **Craft Group**

Thurs 10th 2-4pm **Board Game Café**

Sun 13th 3.30-5.30pm **Messy Church**

Sat 19th 10.30-11.30am **Book Club**

Tues 25th 12.30-4pm **Lunch & Crafternoon**

Sun 27th 10.45am **Messy Morning and Church AGM**

Every Sunday 10.45am **Morning Worship**

Every Monday 5pm **Centring Prayer** at 26 Manor Rd

Every Tuesday 10-12 noon **Coffee Drop-in**

Every Wednesday 7.30pm **Lent Group**, 21 Manor Rd

Every Friday 7.30pm **Table Tennis**

Please note: some weekly events may change during the Easter period.

HOLY WEEK

Please make every effort to be there for events during Holy Week - the most important time of the Christian year.

Maundy Thursday 17th at 7.30pm. Our own Agapé Supper. Agapé is the Greek word for love of the most selfless kind. We eat a simple meal together and then reflect on what was happening during the Last Supper Jesus ate before his death. To conclude we will share Holy Communion informally around the table.

Good Friday 18th April from 10-12 at the Christian Centre & St Anne's Hall. Reflective activities for everyone. 12.15pm Walk with other Christians through Wendover to St Mary's Church to remind ourselves and others of the solemnity of the day.

1pm Churches Together Good Friday service at St Mary's.

YOUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Why is our Church AGM important?

It's a time to look back on what's been happening in the last year. There has been much activity, worship & service and we can celebrate that together, thanking God for what we have been led to do in his name. Nothing happens without effort, so an AGM is an opportunity to celebrate the many individuals who have given their time and talents to make Wendover Free Church what it is.

Who is welcome at our AGM?

Everyone who has an interest in the life of the church and in its future. This year, 'everyone' is to include the families who come to Messy Church and Messy Morning. That's why things will look rather different.

What will happen?

There are certain things that must happen at the AGM. For instance, church secretary and treasurer are appointed annually. New members of Council are voted for. (There are three vacancies this year, so finding new people willing to stand is very important to the smooth

running of the church.) Church members are asked to vote on these & other things. But there is no prescribed way anything we usually do has to be done. So this year we are experimenting with new ways which can be done with young families present.

How will it work?

The first part of our Messy Morning worship will be part of the AGM – a time to review the year, give thanks and celebrate God's goodness. Church members will be given voting slips as they arrive. The service will continue as usual – splitting into two streams. Afterwards we will come together in the Christian Centre to start the AGM. Coffee will be served at 12 noon and 'Bring & Share lunch after the meeting at 12.15pm. Council asks that everyone helps to make things run smoothly as we want to engage everyone and get lunch on time!

Annual General Meeting

